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Commanding Officer

Family and Friends of NMCB-25. Today I bring you our first Awards issue.

I cannot express enough how important our Seabees are to what we are doing here. Without your loved ones tireless dedication to duty each and every day we could not have possibly achieved our tremendous success to date. There is no doubt in my mind who is getting it done and unequivocally it's your Seabees making history. As Commanding Officer I believe recognition of their success and other key milestones in their careers should be recognized in a timely manner and as often as possible. Today's issue is a summary of that recognition to date of all our Seabees who have either, advanced, re-enlisted, achieved Seabee Warfare Qualification, or been issued personal awards. Every time I shake the hand of one of Seabee's being recognized I am honored, proud, and extremely thankful for their dedication, hard work, and the



CDR David Marasco, CEC, USN

tremendous personal sacrifice that they are making to be here. Please join me in wishing them all, a job well done and know that they are the consummate Leaders of "Can-Do".

Thank you.

Command Master Chief



CMDCM (SCW) Brian Benzinger

Greetings, to all our family and friends of NMCB 25. Over the past few months we have reached many career milestones for our troops that we may have never reached. Mobilized here in Iraq has expanded many opportunities. The hard work our troops have completed shows in the great number of promotions of our folks in the last advancement cycle. It brings on more responsibilities, but also more pay and building a higher retirement package for our Seabee's once they reach retirement eligibility.

Our troops also have worked diligently on completing their Seabee Combat Warfare qualification, professional rate development, and Navy Knowledge Online courses. After working long hours in extreme temperatures, many have put their precious spare time aside in an effort to complete these goals. We are very proud of their accomplishments. Seabees Can Do!



Seabees earn awards including the coveted Seabee Combat Warfare and the Fleet Marine Force insignia

In the April edition of Spades and Clubs, we mentioned that Seabees were working long hours on the job and that many were also studying to earn their Seabee Combat Warfare (SCW) and Fleet Marine Force (FMF) pins. These insignias are sign of prestige among Seabees. Most NMCB 25 Seabees must become SCW qualified before becoming eligible for the FMF program. So far, HM1 Raymond Howard, EA1 Michael (SCW) McCarty, and EA2 (SCW) Dan Miracle have earned their FMF insignia during this deployment.



The Personnel Qualifications Standards for SCW and FMF states that, "Warfare Qualified Sailors are an essential element of our Navy's Operational Primacy. The objective of the Seabee Combat Warfare Program is to provide the candidate an introduction into the processes and topics necessary to support the



EA1 McCarty, Michael their command and be able to apply this knowledge to support the successful execution of the commands current and future missions."

Commanding Officer

CDR David F. Marasco
CEC, USN

Executive Officer

LCDR Thomas D. Logan
CEC, USN

Command Master Chief

Brian L Benzinger
CMDM (SCW)

Public Affairs Officer

LTJG Merl G. Trimpe
CEC, USNR

Command Ombudsman

Jackie Smith

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BACKGROUND PHOTO: An overlay of the Seabee Combat Warfare Insignia.

BACK COVER: MA1 Susan Arndt congratulates her brother, CM1 (SCW) Jeffery Arndt after he received the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. The siblings are both NMCB 25 Seabees.

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Comments, correspondence, and questions may be addressed to NMCB 25 Public Affairs, NMCB 25 Main Body, FPO AP 96601-5113.

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal



CM1 (SCW) Arndt, Jeffery



CM1 (SCW) Collins, Kevin



Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal

Not pictured:

CUCM (SCW) Benzinger, Brian
SW2 Henning, Parish

BU2 (SS) Kruk, Brian

SK3 Losier, Joseph

BU2 (SCW) Norman, Sammy

BU3 Principal, Dorian

CM1 Rush, Christopher

BU1 Seeling, Scott



BUCS (SCW) Tarmann, David



UT2 Hoiland, Shannon



EA1 (SCW/FMF) Miracle, Dan



EO3 Townsend, William



CE3 Watson, Man



CM1 Stoen, John



EO1 (SCW) Ecker Joseph



YN2 Andrew, Jerri



EO1 Russell, James



YN1 (SCW) Rosario, Julie



IT2 Balder, Douglas



EO1 (SCW) Shimota, Arnold



EO1 (SCW) Spahr, William



EO2 Strauser, Chad

Humanitarian Service Medal



BU1 Dehaven, Lucas

Not pictured: SWCA Pabich, Michael

Armed Forces Reserve Medal



CM1 Rush, Christopher



CMDM (SCW) Benzinger, Brian



Letters of Appreciation

Not pictured: BU1 (SCW) DelSignore, Vincent



BU1 Touchstone, Jaymz



CM2 Beauchamp, Samuel



EO2 Burke, David



BU2 (SCW) Hushek, Andrew



BU1 Proulx, Charles



BU2 Reed, Kathy



BUC (Sel) Cheney, Ward



BU2 Dale, Jeffery



BU1 Schrepfer, Frederick



BU1 Schueller, Brant



BU2 Waters, Edward



IT2 (SCW) Fiaccato, Sam

Seabee Combat Warfare Insignia



Not pictured: BU1 (SCW) Delsignore, Vincent, HM2 (SCW) Jaenke, Jaime, EO1 (SCW) Rovinski, Gary



EO2 (SCW) Ploense, Carl



CECN (SCW) Nash, Jason



EA1 (SCW) Kramer, Gregory



EAC (SCW) Larson, Wayne



LT Roberson, Cameron



CE1 (SCW) Anderson, Bradford



CM2 (SCW) Beaudry, Matthew



BU1 (SCW) Coleman, David



CE2 (SCW) Baertsch, Jason



CM2 (SCW) Collins, Kevin



EO1 (SCW) Hebenstreit, Mark



CM3 (SCW) Sisterman, Luke



EO1 (SCW/SW) Gaillard, Sammie



EO1 (SCW) Hertling, Jason



BU3 (SCW) Hart, Jimmy



CMCN (SCW) Gober, Olney



BU2 (SCW) Macias, Gerardo



BU2 (SCW) Rassett, Mark



GM2 (SCW) Tuttle, Timothy



EA1 (SCW) Lester, Dale



EO3 (SCW) Nelson, Roderick



SWCR (SCW) Pabich, Michael



SW1 (SCW) Panasuk, Steven



BU1 (SCW) Stevens, Craig



SW1 (SCW) Vanloo, Jessie



YN1 (SCW) Rosario, Julie



CM2 (SCW) Whitcomb, Dean



SK1 (SCW) Nelson, Paul



BU3 (SCW) Koester, Brian

Not pictured:
 UT2 Beauchamp, Samuel
 EO2 Beville, Harold
 EO2 Burke, David
 CE2 Deguzman, Felipe
 IT2 Elzer, Robert
 IT2 (SCW) Fiaccato, Sam
 DK1 Fryer, Claudia

CE2 Haas, Gerald
 SW2 Henning, Parish
 CE1 Hoepfner, Douglas
 PN2 King, Christina
 CM2 Martinez, Enrique
 BU2 McClanahan, Jeffrey
 UT2 Obrien, Joseph
 CE3 Olson, James

EO1 Otoole, Timothy
 YN1 Palomares, Rebecca
 EO2 Roggenbuck, Todd
 DK2 Roy, Hayward
 EO2 Schmidt, Karl
 CE2 Westlund, Eric
 CE1 Williams, Michael
 CE2 Yang Ge



BU3 (SS) Kruk, Brian



CM2 (SS) Kulla, Robert



BU2 Lanphier, Jeffrey



UT1 Gavin, Justin



HM2 Loftus, Jeffrey



EO2 Myer, Douglas



BU1 Stevens, Kevin



EO2 Cooper, Randall



BU3 (SCW) Hart, Jimmy



CM1 Reyes, Miguel



BU3 Holtz, Jeffery



BU1 (SCW) Coleman, David



BU2 Cassiani, Robert



BU1 Edgren, Mark



EO2 Bondeson, Daniel



EO2 Emden, Jesse



EO2 Lawrence, David



BU3 Konkle, Jason



EO2 Carrasquillo, Adalberto



CM1 Zeb, Lance



EO2 Gayer, Bradly



EO1 Olson, Jeffrey



EO1 (SCW) Hertling, Jason



BU2 Sumrow, Michael



BU3 Zajac, Joshua



BU3 Principal, Doria



CE2 (SCW) Widmer, Mark



BU3 Scanlon, Rana



CM1 Brown, Kevin



EO1 Gillaspie, Dale



CM1 Wallin, Ronald



CM1 (SCW) Collins, Kevin



EO1 Segretto, Daniel



CM2 (SCW) Zeller, Chad



CM3 (SW) Muraglia, Mark



EN1 Devault, Troy



EO2 Rakow, Timothy



EO2 Temiquel, Juan



EO1 Russell, James



EO2 Kowalczyk, Dennis



HM2 Johnson, Jessica



EO2 Tranel, Paul



EO2 Huenink, James



HM1 Veldhouse, Theresa



EO1 (SCW) Hendrickson, Sarah



EO1 Hucker, Gregory



MA1 Arndt, Susan



EO1 Martinson, Cory



EO1 Snyder, Thomas



EO2 Nelson, Roderick



CM1 Smith, Jeffery



SWCA (SCW) Pabich, Michael

Letters of Commendation



EAC (SCW) Kloiber, Christopher



BUC Seligman, Scott

Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Not pictured:

SW3 Lott, John
EO1 (SCW) Shimota, Arnold
CE2 Williams, Michael



BU1 (SCW) Thibodeaux, Anthony



LTJG Loberg, David



SW2 Owens, William



SW2 Pitts, Lance



SW2 Banning, Richard



EO1 Wimme, Daniel



SK1 Reiling, Michelle



CE1 Williams, Michael



BU3 Holtz, Jeffery



UT1 (SCW) Kotajarvi, Darren



CUCM (SCW) Hogan, Louis



IT3 Fiaccato, Sam



BU1 Salo, Daniel



UT3 Beauchamp, Samuel



EO2 Lott, Bernard



CM2 (SCW) Whitcomb, Dean

Seabees recognized by 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron



Members of the 332nd expeditionary logistics readiness squadron, Detachment One, Dover, Del., thanked the Seabees of NMCB 25 for constructing a building for them in the Al Anbar province. The new structure has helped improve the aircrew's efficiency.

The air unit supports the multi-coalition forces in Iraq by providing cargo airlift throughout their theatre of operation. This small detachment uses K-loaders, forklifts, and standard pick-up trucks to load and unload cargo planes. This equipment isn't designed to travel over rough terrain for maintenance and repair, so this work must be completed near the flight line.

Troops were forced to work in the hot sun because the airport didn't have a maintenance building they could use. The mechanics worked outdoors where temperatures routinely reached 120 degrees. The hot sun and sandy environment are detrimental to the equipment, but they also affect the performance of the aircrew mechanics.

"They trouble shooting these things," said Air Force Capt. Robert Sibold, 332nd expeditionary logistics readiness squadron. "It's not all that complex, but there is a lot of pieces involved, so it could take a couple of hours to troubleshoot a problem sometimes."

The Seabees built a new maintenance shed where most vehicles can be serviced in the shade. Mechanics can step back and concentrate on troubleshooting the vehicle problems without undue heat stress. The Seabees also wired the building so that power tools and air conditioning could be used. Lights have also increased the capabilities of the unit by allowing them to work longer hours on their equipment.

The Seabees received letters of appreciation and 67th Air Support coins for their assistance.



BU2 Cassiani, Robert



BU1 (SCW) Coleman, David



CUCM (SCW) Hogan, Louis



BU2 (SCW) Macias, Gerardo



UT2 Hoiland, Shannon



BU1 Touchstone, Jaymz



SW1 (SCW) Panasuk, Steve



BU2 (SCW) Witts, Craig



Members of the 332nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron and NMCB 25 pose for a photograph.

Completion of Construction Basic Veteran (CBVET) program



BU2 Cassiani, Robert



EO3 Brovold, Brian

Congratulations to the new chief selects

SWC (Sel) (SCW) Carroll, Wylie
BUC (Sel) (SCW) Cheney, Ward
BUC (Sel) Grzebieniak, Christopher
EOC (Sel) (SCW) Hollenback, Danny
EOC (Sel) (SCW) Kirsch, William
UTC (Sel) (SCW) Kotajarvi, Darren
HMC (Sel) Lafray, Kimberly

EOC (Sel) (SCW/SS) Lampert, Joseph
EOC (Sel) Larue, Michael
EOC (Sel) Matter, Rory
CEC (Sel) (SCW) Mosley, James
EOC (Sel) (SCW) Nelson, Richard
GMC (Sel) Quast, Vern
EOC (Sel) (SCW) Tittle, Richard



Chief selects introduce themselves to the NMCB 25 command staff and present construction hard hats to represent the chief selects who could not be there because they are working at other detachment sites.



Chief selects meet with NAVCENT / 5th Fleet CNO Directed Master Chief (SW / AW) Kelly Schneider (center) and CMDCM (SCW) Brian Benzinger (2nd from right).

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